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IN THE MATTER OF:

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SERIAL NO.: 09/269,897

EXAMINER: ZEMAN, Robert A.

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FOR: METHODS FOR DETECTION OR MEASUREMENT OF VIRUSES

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is in response to the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 14, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time for responding to the Notice, until October 14, 2003. All necessary fees in connection with this matter should be deducted from Deposit Account No. 01-1944.

Applicant filed an amendment on July 7, 2003 (received in the United States Patent Office on July 9, 2003) in response to the office action dated April 9, 2003. In this amendment, applicant listed all pending claims in the application including the status of each claim. The submission of this amendment was prior to the Revised Amendment Practice Under 37 CFR 1.121 CHANGED, effective July 30, 2003 in which the submission of the text of withdrawn claims is now also required. Accordingly, applicant again submits the text of all pending claims, including the text of withdrawn claim 12, previously not submitted.

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Applicant has also presented the claims attached hereto in proper ascending numerical order as opposed to grouping all of the cancelled claims together.

Applicant has now corrected the three points outlined in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and, therefore, believes the application to now be fully compliant under 37 CFR 1.121.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all of the pending claims in this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

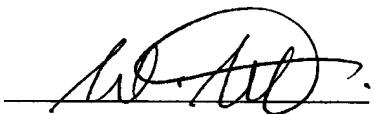


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Date: Sept. 25, 2003